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In the Belgian Congo there is no African nationalist movement as such. Tvo or three papers, including La Voix du Congolais, are carefully sponsored semi-official journals which never touch upon nationalism as a westerner would interpret it.

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2. As a matter of fact, nationalism in the Congo at present / appears to be adopting an incipiently Mau Mau form -- expressed largely through Kitiwala (Watchtower), Kibongism, Ngouzism and other such political religious sects. correspondence states that almost nothing is written on these groups. Official statistics for 1952 show that about 3800 political exiles reside in the Congo, all of these being members of these presumably dangerous and prohibitive sects.

The island of Sao Thome is now / acting as a concentration camp of sorts for "objectionable Africans". Some are also sent to Baia des Tigres on the Ovamboland frontier.

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There are trends which indicate that there is a mascent African nationalism in Angola. However, at this moment unable to give further details on it.

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